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I would like to express that this case should be settled today so that MS can move forward in providing low cost innovative solutions to the public. An engineer by schooling and involved in an industry that produced computer systems for mission critical control in the process industry, I know the pain suffered by users that were stuck (necessarily so because of no standards) with proprietary operating systems. It was not until MS introduce a more robust OS that could be used for industry that this industry started to move towards standards. This at a cost in the multi-millions of dollars to industrial users.

The point is, without MS consumers would have experienced this same costly dilemma. That fact we have plug and play and an unlimited selection of application software that can be installed by even the novice user, is attributed to MS's leadership in the industry.

Quite frankly, the consumer has never been hurt by any of MS practices. In fact, the consumers has low cost software and OS' because of MS. This case should never have been heard in the first place.

The opinions expressed here are that of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of my employer.